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SCIENTIFIC ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

25 September 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges

SUBJECT : Soviet Long Term Exchange Proposal

REFERENCE : Your memorandum, dated 18 September 1957,  
same subject

1. Pursuant to your request in reference memorandum, the Scientific Estimates Committee has considered the subject proposal. The Committee members note that there are some possible scientific 25X1A9a [redacted] implications in the proposal, with respect to the metallurgical, chemical, radio-engineering, instrumentation and automation, and electrical industries (the last-named industry insofar as it pertains to the production of electrical energy). The Committee members agree, however, that SEC action is not indicated, because, in their opinion, the material of the proposal is beyond the SEC's area of responsibility at this stage.

2. The Committee recommends that an effort be made to obtain the entire Soviet proposal, of which the subject proposal is evidently the initial part, in order to place all elements thereof in proper perspective. On behalf of the Committee, I strongly suggest that a US counter proposal specifically mentioning scientific exchanges be considered at this time. It is the opinion of the Committee that the best gains in scientific exchanges would be made in the fields discussed in my memorandum dated 14 September 1956, subject: "SEC Recommendations with Regard to Priority Scientific and Technological Exchanges with the USSR." We believe that the initial approach in scientific fields should be made on the basis of short-term exchanges of up to one month.

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